

## DECLARATION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My respective residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention entitled: REAR SUSPENSION FOR WHEELCHAIR described and claimed in the attached specification.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims therein.

I claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of United States provisional application serial number 60/412,073, filed September 19, 2002, entitled Rear Suspension for Wheelchair.

I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known nor used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date



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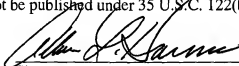
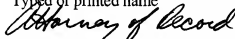
NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(I)

First Named Inventor: Eric Mark Chelgren  
Title: Rear Suspension for Wheelchair  
Attorney Docket Number:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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Date

  
Signature  
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Typed or printed name  


This request must be signed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**